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Director, FBI (139-3573)-From:

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Enclosed for each office are two copies of a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, dated 12/19/74 requesting that the Bureau interview Richard G. Kleindienst, former U. S. Attorney General to determine among other things, whether any individuals made any efforts to contact him in behalf of Nelson Bunker Hunt,

H. L. Hunt (recently deceased)

The attached memorandum is self-explanatory and includes a very succinct synopsis of the background involved in this case and the allegations concerning which request to interview Kleindienst was made.

WFO should promptly contact Kleindienst and interview him along lines requested by the Department. Please expedite.

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that he was contacted by Attorney on May 11, 1973, and informed that Senator James Eastland of Mississippi would by affidavit or testimony state that on separate occasions John Mitchell and Richard Kleindienst, while holding the Office of Attorney General of the United States,	b3 b6 b7С
New Orleans Times-Picayune, has testified that he personally contacted Senator James Eastland by telephone at his Washington, D.C., residence in May, 1973, and made inquiries	b3 b6
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Richard Kleindienst has previously acknowledged to Deputy Attorney General Kevin Maroney a conversation with Senator Eastland and

John Mitchell with respect to the Hunt case. According to Kleindienst, he and Mitchell went to Eastland's office on another matter and were advised by Eastland that he had just met Eastland acknowledged his close with Bunker Hunt. personal friendship with Bunker Hunt and requested an assurance from Mitchell and Kleindienst that Bunker would be fairly treated and would not be harassed just because he was a Hunt. Kleindienst stated that both he and Mitchell assured Senator Eastland that the Hunts would be treated fairly by the Department of Justice, but denied that there was any agreement entered into at that time or that any specific conditions were placed upon their assurances to Eastland.

You are further requested to inquire of Mr. Kleindienst if he has in his possession or has access to any records kept by his former secretaries and other secretaries in the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., which reflect all incoming phone calls and all appointments for the period Mr. Kleindienst was Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General of the United States.

If you desire a	any further information or	
have any questions re	egarding th <u>is request, ple</u> ase	
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